

!!!

HAVING MET
THAT PERSON,
I THOUGHT
"I CAN LIVE..."

NOEL

HE WAS PICKED UP BY THE ROSA FAMILY'S
SON, RIKKA, AND BECAME HIS "CHILD",
AN EXPERT WITH KNIVES AND COOKING, AND
THEREFORE CALLED "THE ROSA CHEF".

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CHAPTER 2



IN THE PAST THIS PLACE WAS THE
CAPITAL OF A DEVELOPED COUNTRY.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF A STRANGE VIRUS THAT WAS VERY
CONTAGIOUS, THE POPULATION IN JAPAN RAPIDLY DECREASED AND
THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THE IMMIGRANTS.

IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS...

SINCE THE VIRUS KILLED THE MIND BEFORE THE BODY, IT WAS
CALLED THE "DOLL DISEASE" AND ITS CURE IS YET TO BE FOUND.
BECAUSE THE WEALTHY HATE THINGS LIKE DIRT WATER AND LAND,
THEY BUILT AN ENORMOUS ISLAND IN TOKYO BAY.

A NEW CENTRAL TOWN - THE SEVEN ANGLED STAR
ALSO KNOWN AS SEVEN.

THE MAFIA TOOK OVER THE ABANDONED MAINLAND AND
THE PEOPLE WITH SARCASM STARTED CALLING THE FORMER
CAPITAL WHICH WAS NOW A ENORMOUS SLUM...

"THE RAGE PRISON"





YOU
PURPOSELY
LET HIM
WIN DIDN'T
YOU?"

AND YET,

OLIVE KOSA
RIKKA'S UNCLE



OW-
OW--
OUCH!
IT
HURTS!



.....



YOUR
KINDNESS
IS TRULY
APPRECIATED,
FATHER.

INDEED.

NOEL
RIKKA'S SON



WELL,
WHAT-
EVER.

SOMETIMES
A FATHER HAS
TO LET HIS SON
WIN A GAME
OF CARDS.

RIKKA KOSA
KOSA FAMILY'S SON









WITH
THIS I
CAN SAVE
ABBY!

YES!

THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH,
NOEL!

AHH...



THEY ARE NOT AS
WEALTHY AS THE
PEOPLE LIVING IN
SEVEN, BUT THEY
HAVE A C-RANK
LICENSE.

SO YOU'LL
BE ABLE
TO GO TO
SCHOOL.

ANYWAY...
WITH THIS
WE'LL BE ABLE
TO GET OUT OF
THE CLEANING
ROOMS OF
THE FACTORY
PLANT.



IS THE
FOSTER
PARENTS'
BACKGROUND
RELIABLE?

YOU
REALLY
DID IT IN
SUCH A
SHORT
AMOUNT
OF TIME.

AH.

YES.







TONIGHT
YOU'RE
MAKING
SHARK-FIN
SOUP!

I ABSOLUTELY
WILL NOT EAT
ANYTHING OTHER
THAN SHARK-FIN
SOUP AND
CHINESE FRIED
RICE!



THE
VALLEY...



YES.

BUT
WAIT...

DON'T
TELL
ME...

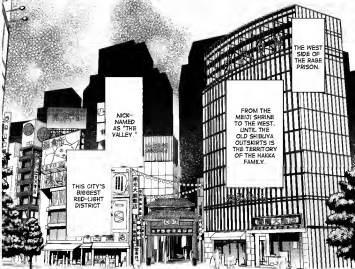


HIIE



NOTHING...
LET'S GO!
GOING...

AS USUAL...
THIS IS GOING
TO A PAIN IN
THE BUTT...
FOR YOU AS
WELL...





THE OLD
SHINJUKU
DISTRICT IS SO
EXPENSIVE.

IF IT'S
THESE
GIRLS

I DON'T
REALLY CARE IF
MY PARTNER
COMES OUT OF
THE "ASHES"...



ONCE HE
CHANGED TO
ANOTHER
TERRITORY

THOSE
INFECTED
WITH THE
DOLL DISEASE
ARE BEING
TAKEN AWAY
TODAY AS
WELL.



SO
IT'S THIS
PLACE...





USING A
MEDIOCRE
TEA HOUSE
AS COVER

THEY MANAGE
THE BOTTOM
PART OF THE
SOUTH-EAST
ASIA SMUGGLING
RING CARRYING
GOODS AND
ILLEGAL ITEMS
FROM CHINA.



OF
COURSE,
THE
ONES
BEHIND
IT ARE

THE HAKKA
FAMILY.

THE
CLIENTS ARE
MAINLY FROM
OVERSEAS
OR PERVERTS
FROM SEVEN.

ORGANS
FROM MEN
AND WOMEN
ARE BEING
SOLD LIKE
CATTLE
MEAT.

THESE
CHINESE
MERCHANTS
WHOSE MAIN
SOURCE OF
MONEY
IS HUMAN
TRAFFICKING.



HELLO
THERE.



YOU'RE
NOT THE
KOSA'S
CHEF, ARE
YOU?

WHO
MIGHT
YOU
BE...



AFTER
KILLING MY
ADORABLE
PET.

YOU SURE
HAVE GUTS
TO SHOW
YOUR FACE
HERE SO
NONCHA-
LANTLY.



DON'T YOU DARE THINK THAT I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT TIME WHEN YOU MADE MY CUTE TURTLE, LILY, INTO SOUP!

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO?

NOTHING.



H-HEY... NOEL...

IS THIS GUY THE HAKKA'S HOUSEHOLD KITTEN? IT'S THE FAMOUS CHILD BROKER RIGHT?



...



LOWER YOUR HEADS AS YOU LEAVE!

BRATS LIKE YOU SHOULD JUST...



RATHER THAN THAT, MISTER MAD.

CAN YOU HELP US GET SHARK-FIN FOR SOUP LATER TO-NIGHT...?







AS I
THOUGHT,

YOU'RE
THE
KOSA'S
CHEF.

SUFFERS
AS IT
DROWNS

AND
BECOMES
THE FOOD
OF THE
OTHER
FISHES.



WON'T
YOU HELP
ME PRE-
PARE IT?

MISTER
MAO OF
THE
HAKKA.

MY FATHER
REQUESTED
TO EAT
SHARK-FIN
FOR DINNER
TONIGHT.





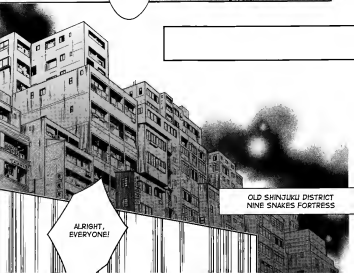
FINE.

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BUT...

ONLY
UNDER
ONE
CONDI-
TION.



OLD SHINGUKU DISTRICT
NINE SNAKES FORTRESS

ALRIGHT,
EVERYONE!

HERE
WE HAVE
THE NEXT
ROUND
FOR AUCTION.

SHE
HASN'T
YET BEGUN
TO MEN-
STRUATE.

THIS GIRL
IS HALF
AMERICAN
AND HALF
RUSSIAN.

IN GOOD
CONDITION,
NICE BREED,
EDIBLE, AND
TRANSPLANTING.
EVERYTHING
ABOUT THIS
ONE IS QUITE
GOOD.

OH!!!
INCLUDES
A B RANKED
LICENSE!



EVEN IF ALL THE SLIMS WERE TO DISAPPEAR, NO ONE WOULD SUSPECT THAT THEY'RE BEING SOLD AS SLAVES FOR OTHERS' SELFISH GAINS.



ONLY THE VALLEY'S UNDERGROUND CELLAR WOULD HAVE THIS KIND OF AUCTION CRAP.



IT'S NOT JUST WHOLESOME MEAT AND A FAMILY REGISTERED PASSPORT BUT SOME SORT OF SPECIAL ADDED VALUE THAT THEY'RE TRYING TO PROVIDE.

AND THE HAKKA FAMILY IS TREATING THESE PEOPLE AS "GOODS" RATHER THAN AS ACTUAL PEOPLE.



THEY'RE BOTH MADE OF SHEEP AND GOAT THOUGH.

AREN'T THEY DELICIOUS?

THAT WOULD BE TESTICLES

NEXT TO THAT IS BRAIN TISSUE STEW



WHAT IS THIS?



I SEE... THE
PHILOSOPHY
OF CHINESE
FOOD IS
QUITE WIDE.

"IF SOME-
THING HAS
FOUR LEGS
AND IS NOT
A CHAIR,

AND IF IT
HAS TWO LEGS
AND ISN'T A
PARENT, THEN
YOU CAN EAT
IT"... RIGHT?



JUST
ENJOY
THE
FOOD.

RUFU

AFTER THIS
YOU'RE GOING
TO COOK YOUR
SHARK-FIN
SOUP IN A WAY
THAT I'LL KEEP
ITS SHAPE,
RIGHT?



真漂亮男孩

I HAVE TO
GET HOME
IN TIME FOR
DINNER,

BUT...







EVERY-
ONE
THINKS
LIKE THAT
ONCE
RIGHT?

THAT IT
WOULD BE
GREAT IF
THEY ALWAYS
STAYED
LITTLE
KITTENS?



...DON'T
TELL ME...



SEE,
IN OUR
BUSINESS
THAT'S
HANDLED
DOWN FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION,



YOU
YOURSELF
WENT
THROUGH
THE
SAME.



A DRUG IS
ADMINISTERED
OF ONE'S OWN
ACCORD IN
ORDER TO PUR-
POSELY STOP
THE SECRETION
OF GROWTH
HORMONES.

SOON, GROWTH
STOPS AND
HOWEVER MANY
YEARS PASS THE
APPEARANCE
REMAINS THAT
OF A CHILD'S...



THOUGH
MOST DIE EARLY
DUE TO SIDE
EFFECTS...
WHAT WITH THIS
AND THAT, IT
SHOULD ALREADY
BE 30 YEARS
SINCE I WAS
ACCEPTED INTO
HAKKA.

...I WAS
TREATED
QUITE
FONDLY BY
FATHER.

BECAUSE
THE DRUGS
WORKED SO
WELL ON
ME.



DON'T TREAT
HUMANS LIKE
ANIMALS!!

WHY??
WHY DO YOU
PUT CHILDREN
THROUGH THE
SAME THING
AS YOU??

WH...



IN THAT
CASE, I
THINK ANY
CAT WOULD
BE MUCH
HAPPIER AS
A PET THAN
A STRAY.

A HUMAN
WITHOUT A
LICENSE CAN
NEVER LEAVE
THIS INFERNAL
CASE.

IT'S THE
SAME.



WELL
THEN,
I'LL
BUY
HER!

YOU
GET WHAT
I MEAN,
RIGHT?

HERE
I HAVE
500.



NOW,
WHAT
WOULD BE
FASTER?

YOU
ORDERING
YOUR MEN
TO SHOOT
ME OR THIS
KNIFE
CUTTING HIS
CAROTID
ARTERY?

I
WON'T
ALLOW
HIM.

IT'S
TOO
LATE.

SHE JUST
GOT SOLD
TO THAT
GUY OVER
THERE.











SORRY
FOR THE
TROUBLE...

NOEL...



DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

...



WELL...

DINNER IS
READY.



YEAH

I BET IT
TOOK YOU
QUITE A
WHILE
TO GET IT,
RIGHT?

GOOD JOB!
SEEMS
LIKE QUITE
AN MASTER-
PIECE



THIS
HAS THE
FLAVOR
OF AN
ENDAN-
GERED
SPECIES

YOU SURE
TOOK YOUR
TIME TO GET
IT AND MAKE
A GREAT
STEP...



I ALREADY
ATE. I WAS
INVITED FOR
DINNER
TODAY.



WITH
RHOF?

MUM?

YES.

DID YOU
EAT OUT-
SIDE?





FATHER,

IT WAS
SOMETHING
THAT I HAD
TO DO ON
MY OWN.

I BET...



RIKKA.



WAS
NOSTAL-
GIC.

GOING
TO THE
SLUMS



I'M
FORCING
YOU
AGAINST
YOUR WILL
TO BE
HERE...

AND
YET



I BET
YOU HAVE
LOTS OF
FRIENDS
OVER THERE,
HUH?



"THE ONLY
THING THAT
REMAINS IS
VIRTUE."

"ALL THINGS
IN THE PAST
DISAPPEAR,"



DID YOU
FORGET?

FATHER?

YOU ARE
NOW MY
SON!

TO ME THE
SLIMS ARE A
NOSTALGIC
PAST, BUT
BECAUSE OF
THAT

I NEVER
REGRET
BEING
BY YOUR
SIDE



...
OF COURSE,
I HAVEN'T.

It wasn't just
selfishness. It
was everything
within Rikka's
prediction!!

I CAN'T
STAND
THAT
GUY.

BUT NEXT
TIME, GET THE
INGREDIENTS
FROM SOME-
WHERE ELSE.

...YES.



CRAP! I WANT A
SUBORDINATE
LIKE HIM TOO!



THE
SHARK-FIN
SOUP.

I DIDN'T
GET TO
EAT THE
SHARK-FIN
SOUP SO
MAKE IT
AGAIN
LATER.

YES.

TO BE CONTINUED.

The background is a soft, painterly illustration. On the left, a character with dark hair and a white shirt is crouching, looking at a book. In the center, a character with blonde hair and a purple jacket is walking towards the right. On the right, a character with blue hair and a white shirt is crouching, looking at a book. The scene is set in a garden with various flowers and greenery. The overall style is soft and artistic, with a pastel color palette.

AQUA SCANS

PRESENTS

Inferno c.2

ED: SHIRO

ES: MIZUHOBY & JELLIE MONKEH

FL: RINRIN & EXIAH

PR: BLUMESA & OKAYSKY

GC: MIZUHOBY